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SCIENTIFIC STUDY

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this fact into the investigation to a great deal of trouble. Guinea pigs and rabbits, the usual standbys of the laboratory in experiments of this kind, were found to be immune. The leprosy germs in them died the moment after injection and left no infection. Experiments with monkeys and mice proved more successful. In man, the progress of the disease was found to be very slow indeed, but in fish very rapid.

The conclusion reached was that the original habitat of the disease was fish and that it was communicated originally to man by eating infected fish. With the isolation of the germ it was possible to carry the experiments much further. The germ resembles the bacillus of tuberculosis, being about the same size and the same general shape and appearance. In the human body, however, it becomes elongated and leathery, the latter condition being a defensive one against adverse circumstances.

Further experiments showed that the germ of leprosy will stand a heat of 156 degrees Fahrenheit, indicating, as supposed by physicians and scientists that the disease is due to eating raw fish, a practice that prevails in all countries where leprosy exists. The germ lives in putrid materials for months and withstands many antiseptics that will destroy other bacilli. Here is the second source of infection, which has probably given rise to the belief that the disease ran in a family, not in all its members, but liable to show itself in the second or third generation.

A house occupied by a leper is poisoned for many months afterward, the germs given forth by him finding lodging in the walls and the woodwork or elsewhere. Hence the tendency of members of the same family to develop the disease, or its appearance in a family which has moved in afterward and before the house has been properly disinfected.

With these facts known it will be a far easier matter to protect against leprosy and to prevent its spread, and it ought to be possible to top the conditions which the Berlin congress found, that the disease is growing more prevalent in European and American countries.

Search For Serum.

There is still the unsolved problem of the discovery of a serum or preventive, but with the new light now shed on the subject this ought not to be far away. Dr. Duval himself said: "The experimental work points to the solution of the cure problem. It indicates that a serum is possible, and we have good reason for believing that the immune serum will come as the direct result of our experiments."

The first step in the discovery at Tulane was made a year ago when Dr. Duval succeeded in isolating the leprosy germ. This was very difficult and accomplished only with special food-stuffs, a problem worked out by Dr. Gustave Mann. The further fact now made known that fish when filled with leprosy germs give no indication of it is evidence of the danger of the disease and how easily and unsuspectingly it may be introduced into the human system. It is hoped by the time the next leprologist congress meets to lay before it not only the discovery but also a possible serum that will prevent or cure the disease, and thus rid the world of one of the oldest and most dreaded diseases.

NOT AS REPORTED.

The late Thomas Lowry of Minneapolis was a great wit and a great story teller, as well as a great financier. He needed \$1,000,000 one time for one of his railroad enterprises, and he went to New York to get it. On the way of his arrival a friend met him at his hotel and asked: "What are you doing, Tom?"

"I am going down town to get a million dollars."

"Can you do it?"

"My boy," said Lowry, impressively, "in the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail."

That night Lowry came back to his hotel after a hard day. The same friend met him. "Did you get the million?" he asked.

"No," replied Lowry. "I didn't. I opened that bright lexicon of youth and the word was in it."—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

The Hawaiian band will give a public concert this evening on the Alexander Young Hotel roof garden, at seven-thirty, as follows:

Overture—The Monk's Dream, Safroni
Finale—The Huguenots... Meyerbeer
Fantasia—Hearts and Flowers.....

Selection—The Bohemian Girl, Balfe
Vocal—Hawaiian Songs, Ar. by Berger
Selection—Neapolitan Songs, Godfrey
Fantasia—In Switzerland..... Hume
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TALKS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Dr. W. C. Hobby addressed members of the Legislature and many private citizens, in the hall of the House of Representatives yesterday afternoon, on tuberculosis. He was preceded by former Governor Carter and followed by Dr. Martin R. Edwards with remarks on the subject. Chairman Coney of the House committee on health and police was in the chair.

JUIJITSU SHOW IS A PUZZLE

Amid almost continuous silence, disturbed only by the thuds of the jiu jitsu students as they struck the ground with a heavy thud, and occasionally by a round of applause started by the caucasiens among the audience, the first of the jiu jitsu contests were pulled off at the Asahi theater last night.

The house was well-filled and quite a number of white men and a few ladies were present. The bouts seemed interesting to the Japanese, but to the majority of the Americans present they were slow. Nobody knew what was going on, who were the contestants, what they were striving for, and nobody seemed to care. Bout after bout was started and finished, in some cases the contestants leaving the mat without a round of applause, in others one of the men was ceremoniously handed what looked like a kalemon, or wall hanging. Which of the contests were of the elimination series and which were only exhibitions the writer knoweth not.

Still the sport was interesting, even if only by reason of the opportunity it afforded of comparing jiu jitsu with the civilized method of wrestling. How much more interesting it would be if the managers of the series took the trouble to inform the Americans in the audience just what was going on remains to be seen, but it would certainly add to the attractiveness of the bouts. It can hardly be expected that residents of Honolulu who are unfamiliar with the Japanese tongue are willing to pay to sit and watch two men writhing on a mat without knowing the object of the struggle, the methods employed by one to defeat the other, and so on. These suggestions are thrown out to the managers, for if they wish to attract the general public they should consider the public's convenience.

400,000 SEE MARS IN AIR.

Mikado's Grandson Applauds Americans in First Flight.

OSAKA (Japan), March 12.—"Bud" Mars and Captain T. S. Baldwin, the American aviators made three successful flights here today in the presence of 400,000 spectators. Prince Kunyoshi Kuni, grandson of the Emperor, was present, and complimented the airmen on the success of their flights. This was the first demonstration of aviation in Japan.

PLAGUE KILLS ALL IN TOWN.
ST. PETERSBURG, February 23.—A telegram from Harbin reports the gruesome discovery of a Chinese village near there in which the entire population was dead from the plague. Many bodies lay in the open air and were covered with snow.

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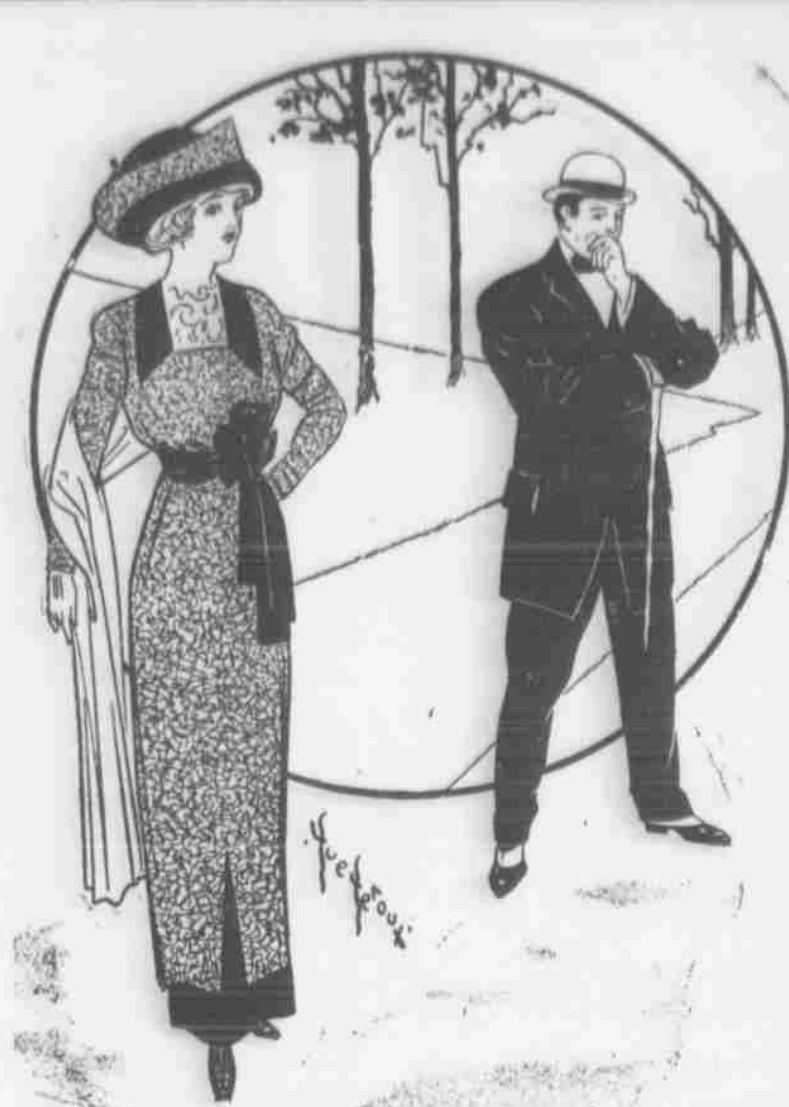
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